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FM AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6048

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIS, PFOR, IC, UK

SUBJECT: ICELAND-UK FISHERIES DISPUTE: ALLEGED NEW RAMMING

1. (BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED): ACCORDING TO LOCAL NOON  
RADIO COAST GUARD REPORTED THAT BRITISH FRIGATE  
DELIBERATELY COLLIDED WITH ICELANDIC CUTTER THOR THIS  
MORNING. ACCORDING TO THE RADIO, THE FRIGATE HAD BEEN  
"SHADOWING" THOR, WHICH WAS CRUISING SOME SIX MILES  
FROM NEAREST UK TRAWLERS. BRITISH VESSEL THEN CUT  
IN FRONT OF THOR, CAUSING COLLISION DESPITE THOR'S  
EVASIVE ACTION. BOTH SHIPS WERE DENTED, ACCORDING  
TO COAST GUARD.

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2. EARLIER IN DAY, DIFFERENT ICELANDIC COAST GUARD

VESSEL HAD REPORTED RIPPING NETS OF ONE BRITISH TRAWLER  
AND CUTTING TRAWL WIRES OF ANOTHER 46 MILES FROM SHORE.  
(END UNCLASSIFIED).

3. COMMENT: (BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE):

MFA SOURCE TOLD US THT IN FACT THE THOR COLLIDED INTO  
THE FRIGATE AND TECHNICALLY INCIDENT COULD NOT BE  
CALLED A RAMMING BY THE UK. BUT HE ADDED "IT SHOWS  
HOW CLEVER THE BRITISH ARE; THEY CAUSED THE THOR  
TO COLLIDE WITH FRIGATE SO THAT THEY CAN CLAIM ICELANDIC  
GUNBOAT RAMMED BRITISH FRIGATE." (END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE).

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